BAY-DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING PACKAGE

March 21, 1996





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Date:

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To:

BDAC Members

From:

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CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Subject: BDAC Meeting Materials Package

Attached is a Meeting Material Package for the Bay-Delta Advisory Council meeting to be held on March 21, 1996, at the Beverly Garland Hotel in Sacramento, CA from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The package contains the following information:

- Summary of Comments;
- Summary of Major Issues;
- Brief Overview of CVPIA Implementation Related to CALFED Bay-Delta Program; and
- Draft Sections of the Phase I Progress Report and Overviews for 10 Draft Alternatives.

As stated in the letter you received earlier this week, we are attempting to restructure the meetings to address issues and facilitate BDAC participation. We hope to focus on critical path issues and address the policy and management concerns associated with them. We anticipate that this type of discussion will provide guidance and advice on specific issues that can be utilized in the continuing alternative development process. We will focus this BDAC meeting on several issues that we feel are critical components of every alternative.

The 10 Draft Alternatives contained in this package represent the most up-to-date versions developed by the Program Team. We have provided only overviews at this point, and feel that this level of detail will be sufficient for BDAC members to understand how the 20 Draft Alternatives (Workshop #5 Information Package) have been combined and further developed based on comments received. As stated in the earlier letter, we are continuing to refine and develop these 10 Draft Alternatives for the Phase I Progress Report, scheduled to be released at the end of March, in preparation for the scoping meetings which start in early April.

CALFED Agencies

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Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
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At the BDAC meeting, we hope to be able to present general ranges of costs for the Draft Alternatives and provide a very general comparison of the Draft Alternatives and the Program objectives.

As noted earlier, the BDAC meeting will begin promptly at 9 am and we hope to finish no later than 4 pm. If you have not contacted Robin concerning travel, please do so as soon as possible.

Attachment